

Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar) Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

This meeting aired live on the City's Zoom Webinar platform.

Commissioners Present

Thomas Hebrank
Monica Hernandez
Valentine Hoy
Fredrick Kosmo
Mitz Lee
Roy MacPhail
Kenneth Malbrough
Alan Nevin
Justine Nielsen

City Staff Present

Jennifer Berry, Deputy City Attorney Kathy Steinman, Deputy City Attorney Angela Wells, Special Projects Manager

Commissioner Roll Call

- Redistricting Commission Chair Hebrank called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and called the roll to confirm commission member attendance.
 - Present: Thomas Hebrank, Monica Hernandez, Valentine Hoy; Fredrick Kosmo, Mitz Lee,
 Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen;
 - o Not Present: (None).

Item 1- Chair's Report

Chair Hebrank introduced Item 1 to review the Record of Action from the Redistricting Commission meeting held on November 20, 2020.

- ACTION: Commissioner Nevin made a motion to approve the Record of Action, as amended, for November 20, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously by commission members.
 - Yea: Thomas Hebrank, Monica Hernandez, Valentine Hoy; Fredrick Kosmo, Mitz Lee, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: (None).

Item 2- Approval of Public Employee Appointment

- ACTION: Commissioner Kosmo made a motion to approve Ms. Lora Fleming as the Redistricting Commission's Chief of Staff, with an annual salary of \$110,000 plus the City's competitive benefits package for unclassified employees. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Malbrough and approved unanimously by commission members.
 - Yea: Thomas Hebrank, Monica Hernandez, Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Mitz Lee, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen;
 - o Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: (None).

Item 3- Discussion of Anticipated Delays in Receiving Federal Census Data

• Commissioners discussed the U.S. Census Bureau's announcement that it will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by September 30, 2021. Deputy City Attorney shared the redistricting timeline required by the City Charter, as well as dates for the 2022 election.

Item 4- Formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Oversee the Request for Proposals (RFP) Process for Contracting a Mapping Consultant and Obtaining Redistricting Software

ACTION: Vice Chair Malbrough made a motion to create an ad hoc subcommittee - with Commissioners MacPhail (Subcommittee Chair), Hebrank, Kosmo, and Nevin - to oversee the request for proposals process for contracting a mapping consultant and obtaining redistricting software. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kosmo and approved unanimously by commission members.

- Yea: Thomas Hebrank, Monica Hernandez, Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Mitz Lee, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen;
- Nay: (None);
- Recused: (None);
- Not Present: (None).

Item 5- Formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Oversee the Development of a Community Outreach Plan and Manage the Hiring of a Public Outreach Consultant

- Jim Varnadore of City Heights submitted public comment to request consideration of outreach contractors who have demonstrated knowledge of San Diego communities and the languages spoken within those communities.
- ACTION: Commissioner Nevin made a motion to create an ad hoc subcommittee with Commissioners Malbrough (Subcommittee Chair), Hernandez, Lee, and Nielsen to oversee the development of a community outreach plan and manage the hiring, and potential RFP, of a public outreach consultant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoy and approved unanimously by commission members.
 - Yea: Thomas Hebrank, Monica Hernandez, Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Mitz Lee, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: (None).

Item 6- Discussion of Recurring Meeting Dates and Times

- ACTION: Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to hold regular Redistricting Commission meetings at 3:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously by commission members.
 - Yea: Thomas Hebrank, Monica Hernandez, Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Mitz Lee, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Justine Nielsen;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: (None).

• No non-agenda public comment was received before the meeting. Vanessa Green, of Alliance San Diego, provided public comment during the meeting to encourage consideration of language accessibility for redistricting meetings and outreach.

Adjournment

• Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021.